

Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference

Western District of Texas

8.75 hours CLE (3.0 ethics)

June 23rd through 25th, 2010

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Wednesday, June 23rd

7:00 Opening Reception

Thursday, June 24th

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. ***“Let’s be Friends” (Welcome)***
Judge Craig Gargotta, Course Director

9:15 a.m. ***“Looking Back”***
(1.0 hours; .25 ethics)
Louis Phillips, Louisiana
A caselaw update reviewing this year’s business and consumer bankruptcy cases.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. ***“How Do You Communicate – Facebook, Twitter, Texas Bar Circle, Blogs, LinkedIn”***
(.75 hours; .5 ethics)
John Sirman, Texas State Bar
Gene Major, Texas State Bar
Facebook, Twitter, list serves – what is acceptable under the rules and what is not.

11:30 a.m. ***“Views from Above”***
Judge Rodriguez, San Antonio
(.5 hours)
Insights and perspectives on bankruptcy practice in the district courts.
Lunch program.

1:00 p.m. ***“Have I Got a Deal for You”***
(1.0 hours)
Doug Deutsch, New York
Berry Spears, Austin
A discussion of the significant 363 cases from the past year.

2:00 p.m. Break Out Session (1.0 hour)

A. ***“All Pumped Up”***
Eric Terry, San Antonio
Michael Parker, San Antonio
Panel discussion on the rights of oil producers versus oil purchasers and oil traders; interest rate issues related to payment of secured and unsecured creditors who collect in full in oil and gas cases.

B. ***Chapter 13 - Issues***
Kevin Epstein -Moderator
Mary Viegelahn, San Antonio
Yvonne Knesek-Foltz, Austin
John E. Smith, Houston
Discussion of treatment of mortgages in chapter 13 and other chapter 13 issues.

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Break-Out Session (1.0 hours)

Friday, June 25th

A. ***“Espinosa and More from the Supremes: Hot Topics in Consumer Cases”***

Judge Gargotta - Moderator

Mike Ridulfo, Houston

Tony Hervol, San Antonio

Panel discussion of Espinosa, DRA limits and other significant issues arising in consumer cases.

B. ***“Dirt, Oil, Cars and the Funnies: Hot Topics in Business Cases”***

Ray Battaglia, San Antonio

Patty Tomasco, Austin

Deborah Williamson, San Antonio

An overview of significant cases in the Western District of Texas last year.

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. ***“You Make the Call”***

(1.0 hours; 1.0 ethics)

Sabrina Streusand - Moderator

Judge King, San Antonio

Judge Monroe, Retired, Austin

Judge Nelms, Fort Worth

Judges’ panel discussing various ethical issues that arise in bankruptcy cases.

10:00 a.m. ***“The Rising”***

(.75 hours)

George Prentice, Bankruptcy Clerk

Update on renovations in the Courthouse in San Antonio, technology and filing in the Western District.

4:15 P.M. ***“Down the Rabbit Hole: I can't explain myself, I'm afraid, Sir, because I'm not myself you see.”***

(.75 hours; .5 ethics)

Jim Hoffman, San Antonio

Debra Innocenti, San Antonio

Jeff Bizon, San Antonio

Meghan Bishop, San Antonio

A debtor’s attorney discovers that figuring out who his client is and what position he must take in a contested matter is far from obvious.

10:45 Break

11:00 ***“Your thoughts, Your Honor”***

(1.0 hours; .5 ethics)

Shad Robinson - Moderator

Judge King, Judge Gargotta

and Judge Nelms

Question answer session with the Judges regarding practice in their courts and the types of issues they are seeing.

Please forward questions for the “Your thoughts, Your Honor” panel to Shad Robinson at Haley & Olson, srobinson@haleyolson.com

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night. Unused rooms will be released
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**Hospitality Suite:**

Wednesday
9 – 11 p.m.

Thursday

5 – 7 p.m.
9 – 11 p.m.

Registration Form

The registration fee is \$400. Please make your check payable to: WDTX Bankruptcy Bar Association, and mail to Carol E. Jendrzey, Re: Bench Bar Conference, 112 E. Pecan, Suite 1800, San Antonio, Texas 78205.
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